

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #59

February 12, 2024

12:00 PM

### ATTENDANCE

Christian Fotang	<i>President</i>
Chris Beasley	<i>Vice President (External)</i>
Pedro Almeida	<i>Vice President (Academic)</i>
Levi Flaman	<i>Vice President (Operations and Finance)</i>
Michael Griffiths	<i>Vice President (Student Life)</i>
Marc Dumouchel	<i>General Manager</i>
Jonathan Olfert	<i>Director of Research and Advocacy</i>
Ari Campbell	<i>External Relations Specialist</i>

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

FLAMAN/BEASLEY MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee agenda as presented.  
5/0/0 CARRIED

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FLAMAN/BEASLEY MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from February 8,  
2024 as presented.  
5/0/0 CARRIED

### REPORTS

#### PRESIDENT

- Attending Board of Governors/APC budget briefing.
- Bringing forward an update on Executive Goals to Council soon.

#### VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Met with University Governance staff about student engagement.
- GFC Executive Committee is meeting later today. Will likely be speaking against the ToR offered for APC.

#### VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Participated in provincial consultation on Post-Secondary Mental Health Grant.
- Had a successful Policy Committee meetings and Indigenization Committee meetings with CAUS.

#### VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Working on supports for the student case discussed at the last meeting.
- Attended Bylaw Committee.
- Attended UASU Got This Campaign Launch.
- Attended BSA x ESS x ISSS Mixer.
- Investments policy may not be complete this year.

#### VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Working with COFA and CORA.
- Wrapping up projects.

#### GENERAL MANAGER

- Budget meetings this week.
- Working on strategic planning consultations.

#### DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- An emergency rally for Palestine will take place at the Legislature tonight due to new escalations.
- Completed survey reports for a small CSJ survey and the second Strategic Plan survey, which closed this morning.
- Getting a quote on livestreaming the Myer Horowitz Forum.
- The CRO has been in touch with external groups, and it appears that ISA and ISU may be running forums for our election.

#### EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

- Assisting with public letter items.
- Assisting with CASA AGM items.

#### STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- Executive Goals updates will be coming forward.
- Budget Principles discussion will take place.

## ACTION ITEMS

### Project Allocation: Black History Month

- To celebrate Black History Month, the University of Alberta Black Student Association, the Students' Union and the Office of the Dean of Students are hosting a showcase to highlight the work of Black students in the areas of music, poetry, artwork, photography, videography, storytelling, fashion etc. The theme of the event is "We Create Futures", to acknowledge the contribution that students are already making in various areas and how they are creating the future as we speak.
- The event will be taking place in Dinwoodie Lounge; it will include performances, food, and drink. It will have around attendees and showcase Black student artists. Currently 11 artists have applied to be part of this three-hour evening event.
- This PA request does not include food, but food will likely be covered by the ticket sales (projected at \$20/seat).
- The University is making a financial contribution toward the event, and will be asked for a further contribution.
- Last year's Black History Month event was smaller scale and focused on mental health; it was well attended.
- This is a joint event rather than a student group event; events specific to student groups would need to go through student groups funding channels before engaging the Executive project allocation budget lines.

FOTANG/GRIFFITHS MOVE TO allocate an amount not to exceed \$5000 to cover the We Create Futures event for the celebration of University of Alberta Black student artists.

5/0/0 CARRIED

### Project Allocation: Muslim Students' Association Event Reimbursement

- An overlap in schedule meant that the jazz band the SEAP event organizers had recently hired drowned out an MSA event taking place on SUBstage. This made it difficult for their members and students in attendance to hear the MSA's programming and negatively affected the impact and quality of their event.
- Some portion of the MSA's event cost should be reimbursed.
- The MSA has had significant difficulties with another recent SUBstage showcase booking as well.

FOTANG/ALMEIDA MOVED TO allocate an amount not to exceed \$662 to cover the Muslim Students' Association event reimbursement.

5/0/0 CARRIED

## DISCUSSION PERIOD

### St. Joseph's College

- Dr. Shawn Flynn, President of St. Joseph's College, visited to provide the Executives with an overview of how SJC operates, including its residence building; the supports they provide to students, including students in crisis; and what the future looks like in terms of the recent legislative changes particular to SJC.
- SJC has increasing enrolment in its 70+ elective courses: currently almost 3000 enrolments ('butts in seats,' not unique individuals).
- It will remain a fully affiliated College (due to the 1926 affiliation agreement and to the still-current sections of the original legislation) while gaining degree-granting power, starting with a two-year liberal arts diploma to help students transition into PSE. A draft of the diploma is being developed. This would have a few dozen students.
- An example would be the 10% of Transition Program students who do not successfully complete the program.
- SJC is not connected to AASUA. For example, during COVID cuts, SJC staff sat around a table and decided to take a collective cut.
- The UASU and SJC will come back to discussing whether their relationship needs to evolve, e.g. a potential MOU, letter, and/or standing regular meeting, to ensure SJC students are appropriately represented.
- Students will be a part of the new SJC Senate. Students are currently part of the faculty council.
- It is not clear whether SJC will gain the status of an IAI under the PSLA; that will be up to the Minister in due course, and the CAQC process will speak to that. Gaining IAI status would mean needing to develop an Investment Management Agreement with the government, and there are complications around SJC's support structure, e.g. the need to develop a registration system.

### BFPC Approval of UASU Fees

- The fees should be finalized at Council in late March/early April, and need to go to BFPC by the 17th. OLFERT will follow up with University Governance to confirm the UASU can meet that timeline.

### UASU Executive Goals Update

- The Executives will be providing an update. Bylaw 120 and Policy Committee Standing Orders require them to speak to their advocacy in relation to Political Policies.

Executive Meeting Rescheduling

- The Executives discussed whether meetings will need to be rescheduled due to potential quorum issues in coming weeks.

CLOSED SESSION

BEASLEY/GRIFFITHS MOVED TO go into closed session.  
5/0/0 CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:49 PM.